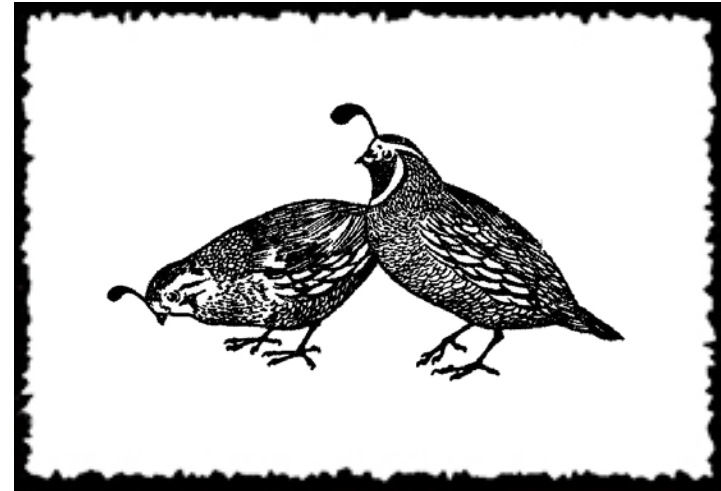


The most common year-round residents of the site include California Quail, Northern Flicker, Steller's Jay, Black-billed Magpie, and Canyon Wren. Look and listen for Canyon Wrens on the rocky knob (Buttercup Hill) and the talus slopes at the base of the cliffs on the western edge of the site. As you look toward the cliffs, be alert for Bald and Golden Eagles, Clark's Nutcrackers, and Rock Doves. The brushy habitat between the cliffs and the deer fence is a good place to watch for Western Tanagers, Northern Orioles, Lewis' Woodpeckers, Spotted Towhees, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Chukars.

Note the variety of habitats at the site - Ponderosa Pine forest, shrub-steppe, grassy openings, and rock outcrops. In the stands of Ponderosa Pine look for roosting Common Nighthawks, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Western Wood-Peepees, Mountain Chickadees, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Kinglets, and Cassin's Finches. Search the brushy expanses of shrub-steppe habitat (bitterbrush, sagebrush, serviceberry, mock orange) for Western Kingbirds, Say's Phoebes, White-crowned Sparrows, Western Meadowlarks, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and Calliope Hummingbirds (North America's smallest bird). Don't forget to look up occasionally to spot Eagles, Hawks, Swallows, Ravens, Robins, Starlings, Blackbirds, and Finches.

Hopefully, you will find some surprises and unexpected rewards - a beautiful day, perhaps a gorgeous show of wildflowers in bloom including arrowleaf balsamroot, shooting star, buttercup, serviceberry, prairie star, penstemon, and phlox. Maybe you will catch glimpses of the other residents of the CBFIC - marmots (locally known as "ground hogs"), chipmunks, lizards, and cottontail rabbits. Enjoy your visit!

If you have questions about the birds of the CBFIC or would like to report an interesting sighting, contact Phil Archibald at 509-784-2471.



**Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center Bird List**

The Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center (CBFIC) began as a modest idea to bring an old fire lookout to the town of Entiat as a visitor attraction. The project has expanded into a more ambitious interpretive center where visitors can learn about the role of fire in our landscape - past, present, and future.

In an effort to expand the ecosystem perspective of the CBFIC, North Central Washington Audubon compiled a bird list for the 17 acre site. The first monthly count occurred on April 14, 1999. Counts continued on a monthly basis until September 2003. The number of bird species seen or heard at the site now totals 66. Monthly counts have ranged from a high of 32 species in May to a low of 6 species in January. The number and variety of birds you can expect to see (or hear) will vary according to time of year, time of day, weather, your birding skill and patience.

Common Name	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Turkey Vulture				R
Golden Eagle	U	U	U	U
Bald Eagle	U	U		U
Sharp-shinned Hawk			R	
Cooper's Hawk			R	
Red-tailed hawk	U			U
American Kestrel	U			U
California Quail	C	C	C	C
Chukar	C	C	C	C
Killdeer		U	U	
Rock Dove	C	C	C	C
Mourning Dove	C	C	C	R
Barn Owl	R			
Common Nighthawk		R		
Vaux's Swift			R	
Calliope Hummingbird	U	U		
Rufous Hummingbird	U	U		
White-headed Woodpecker			R	R
Lewis' Woodpecker	U	C	U	
Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C
Downy Woodpecker		R	R	R
Hairy Woodpecker			U	
Western Wood-Peevee		C		
Say's Phoebe	C	C		
Western Kingbird	C	C		
Steller's jay	C	C	C	C
Clark's Nutcracker	U	U	U	U
Black-billed Magpie	C	C	C	C
American Crow	C	C	C	C
Common Raven	C	C	C	C
Tree Swallow	C	C		
Violet-green Swallow	C	C		
Cliff Swallow		U		
Barn Swallow	C	C		
Black-capped Chickadee	U	U	U	U
Mountain Chickadee	C	C	C	C

Common Name	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Brown Creeper	R			
White-breasted Nuthatch	R			R
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	C	C
Canyon Wren	C	C	C	C
Rock Wren			R	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	R		R	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
Townsend's Solitaire	U		R	R
American Robin	C	C	C	C
European Starling	C	C	C	C
Cedar Waxwing	U			
Orange-crowned Warbler	R			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	U	U	R
Western Tanager	C	U		
Spotted Towhee	C	C	U	U
Song Sparrow				R
White-crowned Sparrow	U		C	
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
Black-Headed Grosbeak	R	R		
Western Meadowlark	C			
Red-winged Blackbird	R			R
Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	C	
Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	
Bullock's Oriole	U	C	U	
Cassin's Finch	U	C	C	U
House Finch	C	C	C	C
Red Crossbill	R			
Pine Siskin	C			
American Goldfinch	U	C	C	U
House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

C = common, may be seen 25-100 percent of the time  
U = uncommon, may be seen 5-25 percent of the time  
R = rare, may be seen less than 5 percent of the time

Spring = MAR, APR, MAY  
Summer = JUN, JUL, AUG  
Autumn = SEP, OCT, NOV  
Winter = DEC, JAN, FEB